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TOP SECRET

5 October 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)
SUBJECT : Proposed U-2 Mission

1. Attached is our proposal for a U-2 mission south of China. As a resume of how this came about, the original paper to the Special Group requested permission to utilize the [] TACKLE organization to obtain South China coverage. There was no request for North Vietnam coverage or a COMOR requirement, as such. Their counterproposal was a North Vietnam mission straying into China. As noted in the attached commentary, para. 1, only second and third priority targets exist outside of the South China targets. What this boils down to is that if we cannot obtain the South China coverage, then there is really no first priority COMOR requirement in North Vietnam at the present time.

2. In line with our attempt to avoid passing routes for group discussions, you will note that the flight path may be detached from this book if you feel there is a requirement to forward this to the Special Group. I hope this will not be necessary and that this may be considered within the bounds of our special clearance from the Special Group.

3. [] would appreciate knowing your position on this subject for the Special Group meeting today.

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Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

Attachment
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